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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached new sheet of drawing includes new FIG. 10, in which knurled clamping surface and knurled outer gripping surface are schematically illustrated.

Attachment: New Sheet

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### **REMARKS**

The Examiner objected to the drawings for not disclosing knurled surface and driving surface adapted to cooperate with a screwdriver, as recited in certain claims. In response, with respect to knurled surface, new FIG. 10 has been added to schematically show knurled surfaces recited in the original claims 6 and 11 to overcome the objections to the drawings. No new matter has been added. In particular, no specific feature, such as shapes and sizes of any surface feature, is intended to be conveyed by the new drawing. As described in the specification, knurled surfaces are well known in the art.

With respect to driving surface adapted to cooperate with a screwdriver, the Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings currently in the application adequately disclose such a surface. Specifically, at least claims 3 and 7 disclose driving surfaces defining a cavities shaped to receive hexagonal drivers. Because screwdrivers with hexagonal tips are well known, the recited driving surface adapted to cooperate with a screwdriver is adequately disclosed in the drawings. As described in the specification, screwdriver-engaging surfaces are well known in the art.

In the specification, new paragraphs have been added to reflect the substance of the new drawing sheet. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-21 are pending and have been rejected in the Office Action. Claims 3, 4 and 17 have further been objected to. Applicants have amended claims 3, 4 and 17 to overcome the objection and respectfully submit that all claims are allowable, as set forth below.

### **Informalities and Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Examiner objected to claims 3, 4 and 17 for certain informalities and suggested amendments needed to overcome the objections. The Applicants have amended claims 3, 4 and 17 as the Examiner suggested.

The Examiner rejected claims 16 and 20 as being indefinite. The Examiner objected to the recitation of specific types of self-locking taper because standards change over time. However, the meaning of patent terms depends on the usage of those terms in context by one of skill in the art *at the time of application*. See, e.g., *Middleton, Inc. v. 3M*, 311 F.3d 1384, 1389 (Fed. Cir. 2002) (emphasis added). While it is true that standards may change over

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time, their status at the time of any particular patent application can be ascertained. In this respect, recitation of a standard is no different from use of any word, the meaning of which may also change over time, in a claim. Thus, recitation of any standard should not render a claim indefinite. The rejection of claims 16 and 20 based on indefiniteness should be withdrawn.

### **Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 11, 12 and 15-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Krüger* (U.S. 6,712,544). The Applicants respectfully submit that these claims, as amended, are not anticipated by *Krüger*. Independent claim 1 includes the feature that the body member has "an outer surface", which "engages an aperture having an inner gripping surface" when the body member is expanded. Claim 1 further requires that the body member has a second end that defines "a clamping surface adapted to provide a clamping force to an assembly". These limitations are not disclosed or suggested by *Krüger*. The Examiner asserted that the fluting 16 read on the "clamping surface". However, if anything, the fluting 16 in *Krüger*, being adapted to engage the tube 4 upon expansion of the sleeve 7 by the spreading body 14, is closer to the "outer surface" feature of claim 1 than the "clamping surface" feature. *Krüger* thus does not anticipate claim 1. Further, claim 1 is not obvious over *Krüger* because *Krüger* teaches attaching another object (component 3) to the sleeve 7 via a "clamping piece 15", which is a bolt separated from the sleeve 7. There is therefore no motivation in the prior art to modify *Krüger* to achieve the invention claimed in claim 1.

Each of 2-4, 11, 12 and 15-21, being ultimately dependent on claim 1 and thus contain additional features and advantages, is therefore also not anticipated by, or obvious over, *Krüger*. As a particular example, each of claims 15, 19 and their respective dependent claims recites "a self-locking taper". The Examiner asserted that *Krüger* disclosed a self-locking taper. The Applicants respectfully submit that *Krüger* discloses just the opposite: In *Krüger*, the bolt 15 is needed to lock the spreading body 14 in the sleeve 7.

The Examiner further rejected claims 1-5 and 7-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Weller* (U.S. 3,618,135). The Applicants respectfully submit that these claims

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are allowable over *Weller*. Independent claim 1 includes the feature that the body member has "an outer surface", which "engages an aperture having an inner gripping surface" when the body member is expanded. Claim 1 further requires that the body member has a second end that defines "a clamping surface adapted to provide a clamping force to an assembly". These limitations are not disclosed or suggested by *Krüger*. The Examiner asserted that the segments 16, 17 read on the "clamping surface". However, if anything, the segments 16, 17 in *Weller*, being adapted to engage the side walls of the aperture in the cavity upon expansion of the slot 15 by the setscrew 20, are closer to the "outer surface" feature of claim 1 than the "clamping surface" feature. *Weller* thus does not anticipate claim 1. Further, claim 1 is not obvious over *Weller* because there is therefore no motivation in the prior art to modify *Weller* to achieve the invention claimed in claim 1.

Each of 2-5, and 7-12, being ultimately dependent on claim 1 and thus contain additional features and advantages, is therefore also not anticipated by, or obvious over, *Weller*.

The Examiner further rejected claims 6, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Krüger*. The Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable over *Krüger*. As discussed above, independent claim 1 is neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, *Krüger*. Because each of claims 6, 13 and 14 is ultimately dependent on claim 1,

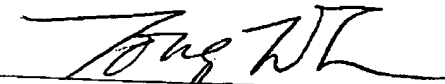
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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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